

**MANAGEMENT OF SURFACE COAL MINING OPERATIONS
ON NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM LANDS**

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE
OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING RECLAMATION AND ENFORCEMENT
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
AND THE
FOREST SERVICE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING - FOREST SERVICE
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General

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishes the framework for consultation and coordination between the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM), U. S. Department of the Interior, and the Forest Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, for the management of surface coal mining operations on National Forest System (NFS) lands and lands adjacent to NFS boundaries. The purpose of this MOU is to foster interagency cooperation and to clarify the roles of OSM and the Forest Service in the implementation and administration of the Federal lands program (30 CFR Chapter VII, Subchapter D) promulgated pursuant to the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA), and in the Forest Service's review and determination of land titles on affected lands which it administers.

Section 523(b) of SMCRA directed the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) to promulgate and implement a Federal lands program for regulation of surface coal mining operations on Federal lands. Under the Federal lands program, any State which has an approved regulatory program to implement SMCRA on non-Federal and non-Indian lands in the State may enter into a cooperative agreement with the Secretary to provide for State regulation of surface coal mining operations on Federal lands. In the absence of a cooperative agreement, OSM is the regulatory authority for surface coal mining operations on Federal lands in a State. Appendix 1 lists the States that have entered into cooperative agreements with the Secretary. The text of these cooperative agreements may be found at 30 CFR Chapter VII, Subchapter T. Appendix 1 also lists the States where OSM is the regulatory authority on Federal lands; these include States with approved State programs but no cooperative agreement and Federal program States where OSM is the regulatory authority on all lands within the State.

The Forest Service will continue to administer mining operations on NFS lands pursuant to applicable laws, regulations, agreements, and restrictions. Under the National Forest Management Act and other laws pertaining to the National Forest System, the Forest Service has the authority to ensure that mining operations on lands it administers are consistent with State and Federal property laws and applicable regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture, and use environmentally sound procedures. For operations involving Federal coal leased by the Bureau of Land Management under the Mineral Leasing Acts (MLA), Forest Service consent is required prior to authorization of mining operations on NFS lands within a lease area. Where private coal is to be mined on NFS lands, an applicant must obtain Forest Service approval before operations can begin on NFS lands. For off-lease activities and activities outside those areas where minerals are privately owned, the Forest Service requires that an applicant obtain a use permit (in addition to the SMCRA permit) before beginning mining-related operations.

It is the intent of the agencies that this MOU not affect any rights or obligations under any law or use authorization including the right to pursue appropriate legal remedies. In the event of a conflict between the regulations and this MOU, the regulations shall prevail. In the event of a conflict between this MOU and the provisions of any permit or Federal coal lease or license where the regulations are silent, the permit, lease or license shall prevail over this MOU.

ARTICLE A - DEFINITIONS

Cooperating Agency means an agency cooperating in National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance pursuant to 40 CFR 1501.6.

Cooperative Agreement means a State-Federal cooperative agreement entered into in accordance with section 523(c) of SMCRA and 30 CFR Part 745 between the Secretary of the Interior and a State to provide for State regulation of surface coal mining operations on Federal lands within the State.

Federal Land means any land, including mineral interest, owned by the United States without regard to how the United States acquired ownership of the lands or which agency manages the lands. It does not include Indian lands.

Federal Land Management Agency means a Federal agency having administrative jurisdiction over the surface of Federal lands that are subject to 30 CFR Chapter VII. (The Forest Service is the Federal land management agency for lands where the federally-owned surface is under its jurisdiction.)

Lead Agency means the agency with primary responsibility for NEPA compliance pursuant to 40 CFR 1501.5.

Mineral Leasing Acts (MLA) mean the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended (30 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*) and the Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands of 1947, as amended (30 U.S. C. 351-359).

Mining Plan means the plan for mining leased Federal coal required by the MLA.

National Forest System (NFS) is defined at 16 U.S.C. 1609 and includes all National Forest lands reserved or withdrawn from the public domain of the United States, all National Forest lands acquired through purchase, exchange, donation, or other means; the National Grasslands, land utilization projects administered under Title III of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act (7 U.S.C. 1010 *et seq.*); and other lands, waters, or interests therein which are administered by the Forest Service or are designated for administration through the Forest Service as a part of the System.

Performance Bond means a surety bond, collateral bond or self-bond, or a combination thereof, by which a permittee assures faithful performance of all the requirements of SMCRA, 30 CFR Chapter VII, a State, Federal, or Federal lands program, and the requirements of the permit and reclamation plan.

Permit Application Package (PAP) means a proposal to conduct surface coal mining and reclamation operations on Federal lands, including an application for a permit, permit revision or permit renewal, all the information required by SMCRA, 30 CFR Chapter VII, Subchapter D, the applicable State regulatory program, any applicable Cooperative Agreement, and all other applicable laws and regulations including, with respect to leased Federal coal, the MLA.

Regulatory Authority means the State regulatory authority where there is a Cooperative Agreement under 30 CFR Part 745, or OSM in States without a Cooperative Agreement and in States with Federal programs.

SMCRA Permit means the permit to conduct surface coal mining operations required by Section 506 of SMCRA.

State Regulatory Program means the State program approved by the Secretary pursuant to section 503 of SMCRA or, in the absence of an approved State program, the Federal program for the State promulgated by the Secretary pursuant to section 504 of SMCRA.

Surface Coal Mining Operations means activities conducted on the surface of lands in connection with a surface coal mine or surface operations and surface impacts incident to an underground coal mine, as defined at 30 CFR 700.5.

Use Permit means a permit issued by the Forest Service, including reserved mineral permits (Forest Service Manual 2830.5) and special use permits (36 CFR 251), that authorizes use and/or occupancy of the NFS for purposes related to the use and development of privately owned minerals, but located outside a Federal lease boundary.

Valid Existing Rights (VER) are rights to conduct surface coal mining operations on an area protected under section 522(e) of SMCRA.

ARTICLE B - RESPONSIBILITIES/PROCEDURES

I. Permitting and Mining Plan Review

Prior to conducting surface coal mining operations on NFS lands, an applicant must obtain a SMCRA permit from the regulatory authority and use permits from the Forest Service. The permit application package (PAP) submitted under SMCRA to conduct surface coal mining operations on Federal lands must contain information adequate to enable the regulatory authority to evaluate the operator's ability to comply with all regulatory program requirements, including right-of-entry onto NFS lands. For proposals to mine leased Federal coal under the MLA, a mining plan approval is also needed from the Secretary of the Interior.

A. Permitting

1. Where OSM is the regulatory authority, OSM will:

- a. Receive and review PAPs for permits, permit revisions and permit renewals, and applications for transfer, sale, or assignment of permit rights.
- b. Distribute PAPs to the Forest Service and to other Federal agencies, and serve as the point of contact for coordination with the Forest Service, other Federal agencies, and the operator on all issues concerned with permit application review.
- c. Consult with the Forest Service to obtain its determination of the post-mining land use and measures needed to protect non-mineral resources, and its recommendation on compatibility and determination of compliance in accordance with Article B, Section III.B. of this MOU.
- d. Incorporate in the permit appropriate conditions required by the Forest Service to regulate surface coal mining operations under provisions of law other than SMCRA that are applicable to NFS lands.
- e. Involve the Forest Service as a cooperating agency when OSM is the lead agency responsible for assuring compliance with NEPA.
- f. Provide a copy of its decision on all permit applications for surface coal mining operations involving NFS lands, and a copy of the permit when issued, to the Forest Service.

2. The Forest Service will:

- a. Determine whether to issue use permits for NFS lands following appropriate NEPA analysis and documentation, and provide OSM with a copy of the permits.
- b. Review PAPs for NFS lands and determine the post-mining land use and the adequacy of measures to protect non-mineral resources.
- c. Provide to the regulatory authority prior to permit application decisions, (1) the Forest Service's written concurrence or non-concurrence with the proposed post-mining land use, (2) recommendations of compatibility and determinations of compliance (see Article B, Section III.B. of this MOU), and (3) any conditions of approval needed to regulate surface coal mining operations under provisions of law other than SMCRA that are applicable to lands under Forest Service jurisdiction.
- d. Act as a cooperating agency for NEPA compliance to ensure that all Forest Service concerns are considered.

B. Mining Plan Review and Approval

- 1. For mining plans involving lands where the Forest Service is the Federal land management agency, OSM will:
 - a. Act as the lead agency responsible for assuring compliance with NEPA and request cooperation from the Forest Service, as appropriate.
 - b. Obtain the consent of the Forest Service on the terms and conditions of mining plan approval.
 - c. Provide a copy of the signed mining plan approval document to the Forest Service.

2. The Forest Service will:

- a. Act as a cooperating agency for NEPA compliance, when appropriate.
- b. Inform OSM of any conditions of mining plan approval needed to regulate surface coal mining operations under provisions of law or regulations other than SMCRA that are applicable to lands under Forest Service jurisdiction.

II. Petitions to Designate Areas Unsuitable for Surface Coal Mining Operations

Procedures to designate Federal lands as unsuitable through the petition process are addressed at 30 CFR Part 769. The petition process does not apply to lands within the boundaries of National Forests on which surface coal mining operations are prohibited, with limited exception, under section 522(e) of SMCRA (see Article B, Section III of this MOU).

1. OSM will:

a. Receive and process petitions to designate NFS lands as unsuitable for all or certain types of surface coal mining operations, or to terminate such designations.

b. Forward a copy of the petition to the Forest Service within two weeks of determining that it is complete, and request the Forest Service to submit all relevant information, and to recommend whether OSM should grant the petition pursuant to 30 CFR 769.14(d)(2).

c. Inform the Forest Service of any public hearing on the petition at least 30 days before the hearing is held.

d. Provide for Forest Service participation as a cooperating agency in NEPA compliance activities related to the petition.

e. If OSM concurs with the recommendation of the Forest Service, issue a final written decision on the petition. If OSM does not concur with the recommendation of the Forest Service and the agencies cannot come to agreement through consultation, OSM will notify the Forest Service of its proposed decision and forward its recommendation to the Secretary for resolution and issuance of a final decision in accordance with 30 CFR 769.18.

f. Provide the Forest Service with a copy of the final written decision.

2. The Forest Service will:

a. Furnish a recommendation to OSM on the petition within 30 days of its receipt, if the area covered by the petition has been included in a completed Federal lands review under section 522(b) of SMCRA, or within nine months, if the area has not been included in a Federal lands review.

b. Act as a cooperating agency for NEPA compliance.

III. Section 522(e) Determinations

Section 522(e) of SMCRA contains restrictions on mining activities on specified protected lands, including Federal lands within the boundaries of National Forests. To conduct surface coal mining operations on such areas, an applicant must have a surface coal mining operation which existed on August 3, 1977, or valid existing rights. In the alternative, for Federal lands within a National Forest, surface coal mining operations may be permitted if, under section 522(e)(2) of SMCRA, either a compatibility determination is made to allow surface impacts incident to underground coal mining activities or, for lands west of the 100th meridian, determinations of compatibility and compliance are made.

A. Valid Existing Rights

Valid Existing Rights (VER) are rights to conduct surface coal mining operations on areas protected under section 522(e) of SMCRA. An applicant claiming VER on Federal lands within the boundaries of any National Forest must request a determination of VER from OSM.

1. OSM will:

a. Promptly notify the Forest Service of receipt of a request for a VER determination for lands within the boundaries of any National Forest; provide the Forest Service with a copy of the documentation submitted by the applicant; and consult with the Forest Service on the VER request, including whether additional material is needed from the applicant.

b. Request the Forest Service's opinion, including any supporting documentation, as to whether the deeds reserving the mineral rights provide the right to mine under applicable law by the mining method for which a VER determination was requested.

c. Make a decision on the request for a VER determination after considering the Forest Service's opinion concerning mining rights under the deeds, and applicable law. If the Forest Service's opinion is that the applicant does not have all necessary property rights to mine by the method intended, OSM will not make a VER determination until any property rights dispute is resolved.

2. The Forest Service will:

- a. Consult with OSM on the VER request and on whether additional material is needed from the applicant.
- b. Provide OSM with its opinion, including any supporting documentation, as to whether the deeds reserving the mineral rights and applicable law provide the right to mine by the mining method for which a VER determination was requested. Every effort will be made to provide this opinion within 60 days of the receipt of the request.

B. Compatibility and Compliance Findings

Section 522(e)(2) of SMCRA allows for surface coal mining operations and surface impacts incident to an underground coal mine on Federal lands within the boundaries of a National Forest even without VER if certain determinations are made by the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture.

1. When processing PAPs in accordance with Article B, Section I of this MOU, OSM will:

- a. Consult with the Forest Service to obtain its findings and recommendations as to whether there are significant recreational, timber, economic, or other values which may be incompatible with proposed surface coal mining operations or surface impacts incident to an underground coal mine before making a compatibility determination.
- b. For permit applications involving surface coal mining operations within national forests west of the 100th meridian, obtain a determination from the Forest Service as to whether there is significant forest cover. (See 30 CFR 761.5)
- c. For NFS lands which do not have significant forest cover within national forests west of the 100th meridian, obtain from the Forest Service the Secretary of Agriculture's determination of whether the proposed mining operations would be in compliance with the Multiple-Use Sustained Yield Act of 1960, the Federal Coal Leasing Amendments Act of 1975, the National Forest Management Act of 1976, and SMCRA.

2. The Forest Service will:

- a. Provide its recommendation as to whether there are significant recreational, timber, economic, or other values which may be incompatible with proposed surface impacts of the mining operations.

b. Within 30 days of receiving a request for a determination of whether there is significant forest cover within national forests west of the 100th meridian, notify OSM of its determination.

c. For NFS lands which do not have significant forest cover within national forests west of the 100th meridian, obtain the Secretary of Agriculture's determination as to whether the proposed mining operations would be in compliance with the Multiple-Use Sustained Yield Act of 1960, the Federal Coal Leasing Amendments Act of 1975, the National Forest Management Act of 1976, and SMCRA, and notify OSM of the determination.

IV. Bond Release

Performance bonds for reclamation of surface coal mining operations are required by SMCRA, 30 CFR Part 800, and the State program counterparts thereof. An operator may file for release of all or part of a performance bond in accordance with 30 CFR 800.40 or the State program counterpart. Where the State is the regulatory authority on Federal lands, the bond is made payable to the State and the United States, and OSM participates in bond release proceedings. Where OSM is the regulatory authority, the bond is made payable to the United States.

A. OSM will:

1. Participate in the joint bond release inspection along with the State, where the State is the regulatory authority, the operator, the Forest Service, and any other surface owners to determine whether applicable requirements for performance bond release have been met.

2. Ensure that the Forest Service is notified at least 30 days prior to performance bond release that the regulatory authority has determined that the State regulatory program requirements for performance bond release have been met and all or part of the performance bond is to be released.

B. The Forest Service may:

1. Participate in joint inspections on NFS lands prior to any release of the operator's performance bond.

2. Inform OSM and the regulatory authority, if other than OSM, of any objections to the performance bond release in writing within the timeframe specified in 30 CFR 800.40(f).

V. State-Federal Cooperative Agreements

Under the Federal lands program, any State which has an approved regulatory program may enter into a cooperative agreement with the Secretary of the Interior for State regulation of surface coal mining operations on Federal lands. Each cooperative agreement contains the terms for coordination among the State regulatory authority, the Federal land management agency, and OSM regarding those responsibilities that can be delegated under 30 CFR 740.4(c).

A. OSM will:

1. Consult with the Forest Service and provide an opportunity for comment on the terms before adopting or amending a cooperative agreement.
2. In preparing reports on a State's performance under a cooperative agreement, address any reports from the Forest Service concerning problems in the State's implementation of the regulatory program on NFS lands.

B. The Forest Service will:

1. Review any proposed cooperative agreement or amendment and provide comments as appropriate.
2. Inform OSM of any problems it has encountered with a State's implementation of its program on NFS lands.

ARTICLE C - ADMINISTRATION OF MOU

I. Effective Date, Revising, and Terminating MOU

This MOU is effective upon the date of the last signature.

OSM will update Appendices I and II as changes occur and provide to the Forest Service copies of the updated appendices. The Forest Service will update Appendix III as changes occur and provide to OSM a copy of the updated appendix.

The MOU may be otherwise revised or amended by mutual agreement of the two parties, or it may be terminated upon 30 days written notice by either party.

II. Flow of Information

Interagency transmittal of information, as specified in the text of the MOU, will be as follows:

- o For operations in States with cooperative agreements, the Forest Service will submit information to the State regulatory authority or to OSM in accordance with the cooperative agreement. The addresses for the State regulatory authorities are in Appendix I.
- o In States without cooperative agreements and in States where OSM is the regulatory authority under a Federal program, the Forest Service will submit information to OSM. The addresses for the OSM offices are in Appendix II. Information shall be submitted to OSM, as follows:
 - o For all operations west of the Mississippi River, to the OSM Western Support Center in Denver, Colorado.
 - o For operations east of the Mississippi River that concern permit application or mining plan approval and lands unsuitable for mining, to the Knoxville Field Office.
 - o For operations east of the Mississippi that concern valid existing rights determinations, to the OSM Eastern Support Center in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

o OSM will submit information to the appropriate Forest Service Office with direct jurisdiction over the National Forest in which surface coal mining operations have been proposed. When contacting the Forest Service concerning a VER request, OSM will also send an information copy of the request to Forest Service Headquarters in Washington, D.C. The Forest Service offices are listed in Appendix III.

Where a concurrence, consultation, or recommendation is required by regulation, the requesting agency will notify the responding agency if the requesting agency has not received a reply within the specified response period.

III. Resolution of Differences

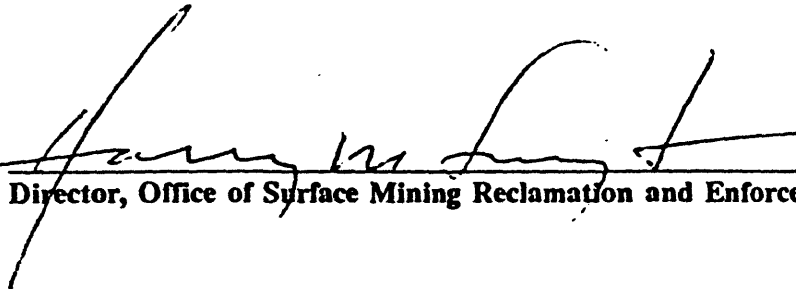
OSM and the Forest Service will refer to their respective headquarters offices any differences between them concerning coordination responsibilities and activities under this MOU that cannot be resolved at the field level. Differences which remain unresolved will be referred to the respective agency heads for resolution.

IV. Supplementing MOU

This MOU may be supplemented by additional memoranda of understanding or other agreements prepared at the Field Office level to which decision authority for the specific actions covered have been delegated. Any supplemental agreement should be coordinated with the respective headquarters offices of OSM and the Forest Service before approval.


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Approved:



Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

7/27/90
Date



Chief, Forest Service

7/31/90
Date

APPENDIX I

REGULATORY AUTHORITIES

STATE REGULATORY AUTHORITIES ON FEDERAL LANDS UNDER STATE-FEDERAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS PURSUANT TO SMCRA

Alabama

Director

Alabama Surface Mining Commission
1811 2nd Avenue
Jasper, AL 35501

Colorado

Director

Mined Land Reclamation Division
Dept. of Natural Resources
Centennial Building, Room 423
1313 Sherman Street
Denver, CO 80203

Illinois

Director

Dept. of Mines and Minerals
300 W. Jefferson Street, Suite 300
P.O. Box 10137
Springfield, IL 62971-0137

Montana

Commissioner

Dept. of State Lands
Capitol Station
1625 Eleventh Avenue
Helena, MT 59620

New Mexico

Director

Mining and Minerals Division
Energy, Minerals and Natural
Resources Department
525 Camino de Los Marquez
Santa Fe, NM 87501

North Dakota

President

Public Service Commission
Capitol Building
Bismarck, ND 58505-0165

Ohio

Chief

Div. of Reclamation
Dept. of Natural Resources
Fountain Square Building, B-3
Columbus, OH 43224

Oklahoma

Director

Oklahoma Department of Mines
4040 N. Lincoln Blvd., Suite 107
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Utah

Director

Div. of Oil, Gas and Mining
Dept. of Natural Resources and Energy
3 Triad Center, Suite 350
355 W. North Temple
Salt Lake City, UT 84180-1203

Virginia

Director

Dept. of Mines, Minerals and Energy
2201 West Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23220

West Virginia

Commissioner

Dept. of Energy
1615 Washington St. East
Charleston, WV 25311

Wyoming

Director

Dept. of Environmental Quality
Herschler Bldg., 4th Fl. West
122 West 25th Street
Cheyenne, WY 82002

**STATES WITHOUT COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS
WHERE OSM IS THE REGULATORY AUTHORITY ON FEDERAL LANDS**

Knoxville Field Office

Indiana
Kentucky
Maryland
Mississippi
Pennsylvania

Western Support Center

Alaska
Arkansas
Iowa
Kansas
Louisiana
Missouri
Texas

**STATES WITH FEDERAL PROGRAMS
WHERE OSM IS THE REGULATORY AUTHORITY ON ALL LANDS**

Knoxville Field Office

Georgia
Massachusetts
Michigan
North Carolina
Rhode Island
Tennessee

Western Support Center

California
Idaho
Oregon
South Dakota
Washington

APPENDIX II

OSM OFFICES

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement
1951 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20240
Telephone: 202 208-4006; 268-4006 (FTS)

Eastern Support Center
Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement
Ten Parkway Center
Pittsburgh, PA 15220
Telephone: 412 937-2828; 726-2828 (FTS)

Western Support Center
Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement
1020 15th Street
2nd floor, Brooks Towers
Denver, CO 80202
Telephone: 303 844-2459; 564-2459 (FTS)

Knoxville Field Office
Division of Tennessee Permitting
Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement
530 Gay Street, Suite 500
Knoxville, TN 37902
Telephone: 615 673-4504; 854-4504 (FTS)

APPENDIX III

FOREST SERVICE OFFICES

Chief, Forest Service
U.S. Dept. of Agriculture
Auditors Building
14th & Independence Ave., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20250

**National Forest Region 1
Northern Region**
Federal Building
P.O. Box 7669
Missoula, MT 59807
406 329-3511
585-3511 (FTS)

Custer National Forest
Box 2556
Billings, MT 59103
406 657-6361
585-6361 (FTS)

**National Forest Region 2
Rocky Mountain Region**
11177 W. 8th Avenue
Box 25127
Lakewood, CO 80225
303 236-9477
776-9477 (FTS)

San Juan National Forest
701 Camino Del Rio
Durango, CO 81301
303 247-4874

White River National Forest
Old Federal Building
Box 948
Glenwood Springs, CO 81602
303 945-2521

Medicine Bow National Forest
605 Skyline Crive
Laramie, WY 82070
307 745-8971
328-0471 (FTS)

**National Forest Region 4
Intermountain Region**
Federal Building
324 25th Street
Ogden, UT 84401
801 625-5149
586-5149 (FTS)

Dixie National Forest
82 No. 100 E Street
P.O. Box 580
Cedar City, UT 84720
801 586-2421

Fishlake National Forest
115 East 900 North
Richfield, UT 84701
801 896-4491
584-8292 (FTS)

Manti-LaSal National Forest
599 West Price River Drive
Price, UT 84501
801 637-2817

**National Forest Region 8
Southern Region**
1720 Peachtree Road, N.W.
Atlanta, GA 30367
404 347-7884
257-7884 (FTS)

National Forests in Alabama
1765 Highland Avenue
Montgomery, AL 36107
205 832-4470

Daniel Boone National Forest
100 Vaught Road
Winchester, KY 40391
606 745-3100
355-2671 (FTS)

Cherokee National Forest
2800 N. Ocoee Street, N.W.
P.O. Box 2010
Cleveland, TN 37311
615 476-9700
856-9700 (FTS)

National Forests in Texas
Homer Garrison Federal Bldg.
701 N. First Street
Lufkin, TX 75901
409 639-8501
524-8501 (FTS)

George Washington National Forest
P.O. Box 233
210 Federal Building
Harrisonburg, VA 22801
703 433-2491
937-6011 (FTS)

Jefferson National Forest
210 Franklin Road, S.W.
Caller Service 2900
Roanoke, VA 24001
703 982-6270
937-6270 (FTS)

National Forest Region 9
Eastern Region
310 W. Wisconsin Avenue
Room 500
Milwaukee, WI 53203
414 291-3693
362-3693 (FTS)

Shawnee National Forest
901 S. Commercial Street
Harrisburg, IL 62946
618 253-7114

Wayne National Forest
3527 10th Street
Bedford, IN 47421
812 275-5987
322-4340 (FTS)

Monongahela National Forest
USDA Building
Sycamore Street
Box 1548
Elkins, WV 26241-1548
304 636-1800
923-5227 (FTS)

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Reply to: 2820/2740

Date: November 8, 1990

Subject: Memorandum of Understanding Between the Office of Surface Mining
Reclamation and Enforcement and the Forest Service for Management of
Surface Coal Mining Operations on National Forest System Lands

To: District Rangers, Ferron and Price R.D.'s

Attached for your information and files is a copy of the subject nationwide
Memorandum of Understanding.

/s/ Aaron L. Howe

for
GEORGE A. MORRIS
Forest Supervisor

Enclosure

cc:
C. Reed (w/enclosure)

Pete 

Jim 

*Please make sure this gets into our
3 ring binder that has to move.*

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